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MITIGATING IGNITION OF FLUIDS BY HOT SURFACES

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Sir:

In keeping with the duty to act with candor and in good faith toward the Patent and Trademark Office, applicant hereby discloses to the Office and enters of record the following citations known to applicant which may be pertinent in the prosecution of the application.

U.S. Patent 6,068,882 to Ryu was cited in the application and incorporated by reference therein as disclosing representative materials suitable for coating the interior walls of the microcavities formed in the structure of the invention for inhibiting liquid seepage into the cavities.

"Analysis of the Mechanisms of Pool Boiling and Ignition on Heated Surfaces and Proposed Mitigation Techniques," J. Michael Bennett, UDR-TR-98-00159, (August 1, 2000), was cited in the application and incorporated by reference therein as presenting theoretical considerations and underlying principles of operation of the invention.

Copies of the citations are attached in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

Respectfully submitted,

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